

Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

Summary of Educational Activities and Opportunities



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Public Participation Workshop (Aug 2009)

Kick-off Open House (Oct 2009)

Community Forum Series #1 6 public meetings

Community Forum Series #2 4 public meetings, 8 follow on meetings

 Speak Week 42 events

Community Forum Series #3 9 public meetings

 Taking it to the Streets 15 events

Community meeting on neighborhood plans and comprehensive plan (Sep 2010)

Community meeting on neighborhood plans and comprehensive plan (Oct 2010)

Community meeting with neighborhood plan contact teams (Jan 2011)

Speakers Bureau

41 presentations to over 1,300 people. Presentations have been given by staff, Planning Commissioners and members of the Citizens Advisory Task Force.

Stakeholder Interviews

49 interviews with opinion leaders and key project stakeholders including, elected officials, civic and business leaders, institutional partners, and subject matter experts.

Lectures and Discussion Events

University of Texas City Forum Speaker Series

Austin's Comprehensive Plan: Opportunities and Challenges for Citizen Engagement (Sep 2009)

Home means everything: Planning and affordable homes (Oct 2009)

Comprehensive Planning: The Fort Worth Experience (Nov 2009)

Historic Preservation in a Global Context (Jan 2010)

The Active City: Planning for Public Health (Feb 2010)

Transit Integration: Light Rail and Transportation Planning in the Austin Region (Feb 2010)

Austin's Colonias: Informal Settlements and City Planning (Mar 2010)

Downtown Revitalization: Including Waterfront, Arts and Culture District Development (Apr 2010)

Self-Help Housing and Informal Settlements in Latin America: Experiences from Venezuela and Brazil (Apr 2010)

The Coming Convergence of Community Building and Clean Energy (Oct 2010)

Newsletter/Survey

Which Way, Austin? – distributed over 200,000 newsletter/surveys; an informative and educational 12 page newsletter on comprehensive planning, its importance and key issues, plus the alternative future scenarios, indicators and survey.

Activities by Other Organizations

American Institute of Architects, Austin Chapter: Building a Healthy Austin (Oct 2009)
Livable City: Comp Plan 101 (Oct 2009)
Housing Works: Housing Summit Re-Visioning Austin & Affordability: Austin's Comprehensive Plan (Nov 2009)
Envision Central Texas: Regional Forum – How Can We Meet our Growing Infrastructure Needs with our Limited Resources? (Mar 2010)
UT Center for Sustainable Development: Affordable Housing: What's in Your Backyard (Mar 2010)
UT Center for Sustainable Development: Alley Flat Initiative (Apr 2010)
League of Bicycling Voters: Austin Bike Summit (Apr 2010)
AISD Community Dialogue about Austin ISD School Facilities (May 2010)
What is Austin?: Open House #1 (May 2010)
What is Austin?: A Sustainable and Natural Austin (Jun 2010)
City of Austin's Cultural Arts Division offers the Take it to the Next Level: Creative Space Development Models (Jun 2010)
City of Austin's Cultural Arts Division offers the Take it to the Next Level: Nuts & Bolts of Artist Space Development (Jun 2010)
Housing Works: There's No Place like Home" Leadership Tour of Contemporary Affordable Homes; and "Spotlight on Design" Reception (Jun 2010)
Austin Neighborhood Council: Panel discussion with six Citizens Advisory Task Force members (Jun 2010)
City of Austin Affordable Housing Forum: Linking Austin's Investments: Affordable Housing and Place-Based Planning (Jul 2010)
Envision Central Texas: Regional Forum – Innovate or Stagnate: Could New Approaches to Infrastructure Transform Our Region? (Sep 2010)
What is Austin?: Futures Fair (Oct 2010)
Leadership Austin: Rising from Recession: Central Texas Strong and Sustainable (Nov 2010)
Austin Neighborhood Council: Special meeting with Citizens Advisory Task Force (Dec 2010)
Urban Land Institute, Austin Chapter: Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan: Impacts to Real Estate Development and Planning (Jan 2011)
City of Austin's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development department Affordable Housing Forum: Linking Community Investments: Affordable Housing and Transportation (Feb 2011)
Congress for New Urbanism, Central Texas Chapter, Café Urban Salon Series, What is "Compatibility"? (Feb 2011)

Kudos

The Imagine Austin visioning process was selected as a national best practice case study by the Alliance for Innovation. The case study will be presented at the 2011 Transforming Local Government conference under the category Building a Community Vision With Sustained Community Engagement.